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1. CHINA

YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY "TANJUG" REPORTED FROM PEKING 5/13 PRC'S
STATEMENT THAT SOVIET EXPLANATION FOR 5/9 BORDER INTRUSION
"DOES NOT REFLECT REALITY:/"WE ARE NOT SATISFIED" (WSTAR
5/14).

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NCNA 5/14 REPORTED RECENT WARNING FROM CCP'S MIL COMMISSION
THAT WAR W/SOVIET INEVITABLE, SINCE MOSCOW INTENDS CONQUER
CHINA, AND CALLING ON PLA INTENSIFY TRAINING IN MODERN
WARFARE (REUTER HK, WP).

WH SOURCES SAID 5/13 THAT BRZEZINSKI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON
PRC TRIP BY HOLBROOKE/GLEYSTEN/ABRAMOWITZ/HUNTINGTON/
OKSENBERG/ARMACOST/HUBERMAN (WP, WSTAR 5/14).

JOC (LONDON) REPORTS UK ARRIVAL 5/12 OF PRC IRON/STELL DEL

FOR 18-DAY TOUR OF STEEL PLANTS.

REUTER (LUSAKA 5/14) REPORTS PRC-BUILT "TAZARA RAILWAY" IS RUNNING INTO PROBLEMS--ACCIDENTS/RR CAR SHORTAGES/ CONGESTION AT DAR/REPORTS OF SABOTAGE BY DISGRUNTLED WORKERS (SUN 5/14)--WHICH HAVE TAKEN SOME GLOSS OFF ENTHUSIASM THAT SURROUNDED LINE'S OFFICIAL '76 OPENING.

CSM DISPATCH SAYS ROC IS BECOMING CONCERNED OVER BRZEZIN-SKI PRC TRIP, SEEING IT AS SIGN CARTER ADMIN WANTS FOCUS ON NORMALIZATION W/PEKING.

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

FORTY-ONE VIET REFUGEES, RESCUED OFF MADRAS 10 MONTHS AGO, LEFT INDIA 5/14 TO BE RESETTLED IN US (CSM).

3. JAPAN

NYT'S SCOTT-STOKES (TOKYO 5/14) REPORTS MAJOR DEFENSE DEBATE--INSPIRED IN PART BY US PLANS W/DRAW FROM SK/RAPID SOVIET MIL BUILDUP IN REGION--HAS BEGUN IN JAPAN. CITES INCREASING NUMBER ARTICLES IN TOKYO UNCLASSIFIED

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DAILIES WHICH HAVE STIRRED ANIMOSITY TOWARD SOVIETS/PLACED DOUBTS ON US ABILITY DEFEND JAPAN. RECENT YOMIURI POLL FOUND ONLY 21 PCT JAPANESE BELIEVED US WOULD DEFEND JAPAN UNDER JOINT SECURITY TREATY/38 PCT SKEPTICAL US WOULD HONOR IT. MENTIONS FACT GROWING NUMBER JAPANESE/US OFFICIALS HAVE PRESSED FOR COOPERATION/ COORDINATION SDF/US FORCES IN JAPAN.

LEGISLATION SUBMITTED IN DIET 5/12 CALLING FOR DEATH PENALTY IN CASES OF PLANE HIJACKING/SEIZURE DIPLO ESTABLISHMENTS (REUTER TOKYO 5/12; WP).

CULLISON (JOC TOKYO) REPORTS GOJ SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED JAPAN INTENDS OFFER LARGER TARIFF CUTS DURING ONGOING GENEVA TALKS--MORE THAN HAVE BEEN PROPOSED IN RECENT PAST. MOVE SEEN ATTEMPT PLACATE NATION'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS/FACILITATE BREAKTHRU IN TALKS TOWARD FREER GLOBAL TRADING.

MITI SAYS JAPAN'S LICENSED IMPORTS IN APRIL JUMPED 8.9 PCT OVER SAME MONTH LAST YR. MEANWHILE, JAPANESE BANKRUPTCIES REMAINED AT HIGH LEVEL, THO NUMBER DECLINED 11.5 PCT FROM LAST MONTH (UPI, JOC).

SPEAKING TO SENIOR EDITORS AFFILIATED W/KYODO NEWS SERVICE, FUKUDA SAID LAST WEEKEND JAPANESE ECON NOW RECOVERING FROM WORST RECESSION IN POSTWAR HISTORY.

PM JUSTIFIED STATEMENT BY CALLING ATTENTION TO RECENT

ECON INDICATORS WHICH SHOW PRODUCTION RISING FAST/INVENTORIES FALLING/PERSONAL CONSUMPTION RISING (CULLISON, JOC).

DOLLAR ROSE ON TOKYO FOREX MART LAST WK, AND BANK OF JAPAN GOV HAS CONFIRMED THAT BANK/FRB HAVE STARTED DAILY EXHCANGE OF INFO DESIGNED CHECK FOREX MOVEMENTS
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IN BOTH COUNTRIES (JOC).

JOC'S COOPER REPORTS BARBADOS HAS LAUNCHED NEW INITIATIVE ATTRACT JAPANESE OFFSHORE MFG. REPS FROM ALL MAJOR JAPANESE BANKS/MFG CONCERNS W/OFFICES IN NY WILL ATTEND LUNCHEON NEXT TUES TO HEAR CHRMN BARBADOS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORP EXPLAIN ATTRACTIONS OF DOING BUSINESS THERE.

IN 5/4 ISSUE BRITISH MAG "NATURE," 2 YOKOHAMA UNIV ENGINEERS DETAIL THEIR PROPOSAL EXTRACT SOLAR ENERGY FROM SUN-WARMED OCEAN WATERS. MEN SAY ALTHO PLAN'S ECON FEASIBILITY UNESTABLISHED, PROPOSAL WILL BECOME PROMISING CANDIDATE FOR NEW ENERGY SOURCE (BISHOP, WSJ).

JONES (CSM) REPORTS AIR RATES TO JAPAN CONTINUE SKYROCKET AS US/JAPAN OFFICIALS REMAIN DEADLOCKED OVER DIFFERENCES ON AIRLINE CONTROLS. NOTES JAPAN'S REFUSAL ACCEPT CAB-APPROVED LOWER AIRFARES HAS RESULTED IN WIDE GAP BETW PAC/ATLANTIC FLIGHTS--FRISCO-TOKYO ROUTE RUNS ABOUT 1,000 DOLS WHILE NY-LONDON ROUTE COSTS LITTLE AS 256 DOLS.

4. JAPAN/KOREA

KYODO QUOTES NK'S KIM IL SUNG THAT JAPANESE RADICAL LEFTISTS WHO HIJACKED JAL JETLINER TO NK 8 YRS AGO HAVE BEEN RE-EDUCATED/NOW REALIZE HIJACKING WAS NOT REVOLUTIONARY ACT (REUTER, NYT 5/14).

5. INDONESIA

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WP'S PETERSON (JAKARTA) DOES ITEM ON BRIBERY/CORRUPTION IN INDONESIA. CITES PERVASIVENESS OF PROBLEM/FACT GOI OFFICIALLY OUTLAWED PRACTICES. INDONESIAN BUSINESSMAN SAYS GOVT'S ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN HAS "HAD A

DRAMATIC EFFECT ON BUSINESS...IT'S DOUBLED THE COST OF BRIBERY."

6. BURMA

REUTER (SUN 5/14) REPORTS BURMESE ARMY HAS STRUCK SERIOUS BLOW AT REBEL OPERATIONS BUILT AROUND OPIUM TRADE IN COUNTRY'S SOUTHERN BORDER. SAYS AIRBORNE ASSAULT TROOPS HAVE SEIZED SEVERAL JUNGLE HEROIN REFINERIES/BASE BELIEVED TO BE CONTROL CENTER FOR REBELS' CLANDESTINE DRUG INDUSTRY.

7. AUSTRALIA

CHIP CARTER LEFT SYDNEY 5/13 AFTER WK-LONG GOODWILL VISIT AS PRES CARTER'S PERSONAL EMISSARY. SAID HE FOUND AUSTRALIA WARM/FRIENDLY PLACE W/MANY SIMILARITIES TO US (REUTER, WP 5/14).

GOA SPOKESMAN SAYS USSR SEEKS BUY AUSTRALIAN URANIUM. SAID SOVIETS TOLD THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED POTENTIAL CUSTOMER PROVIDING THEY ADHERE TO AUSTRALIA'S SAFEGUARD PRINCIPLES. GOA POLICY SEEN MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK TO SOVIET PURCHASES (REUTER MELBOURNE 5/12).

8. NAURU

HEAD CHIEF HAMMER DE ROBERT HAS BECOME NAURU'S NEW PRES--3RD IT HAS HAD IN MONTH. POL UPHEAVAL IN LAST 2 YRS STEMS FROM DEBATE OVER ISLAND'S ECON FUTURE WHEN ITS PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS RUN OUT IN ABOUT 20 YRS (REUTER NAURU).
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9. PHILIPPINES

REUTER (MANILA) REPORTS MIL SOURCES SAID 5/15 THAT GOP HAS MOBILIZED 10,000 CIVILIAN DEFENSE FORCES IN RENEWED DRIVE AGAINST COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN CENTRAL LUZON PLAINS. SAID CAMPAIGN DESIGNED PREVENT NPA GUERRILLAS FROM RE-GROUPING, FOLLOWING 3 SEPARATE CLASHED W/GOVT TROOPS IN AREA.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDONESIA

ACCORDING NYT'S KAMM (JAKARTA 5/14), INDO FAMILY-PLANNING PROGRAM HAS BEEN REMARKABLE SUCCESS. NOTES BIRTH GROWTH RATE HAS DROPPED FROM 2.5 PCT IN '70 TO 2 PCT--34 PER THOUSAND AS COMPARED W/44 PER THOUSAND IN '70. AID, CHIEF SUPPORTER OF FAMILY-PLANNING PROG, HAS PROVIDED 44 MIL

DOLS IN LAST 9 YYRS W/11 MIL DOLS SCHEDULED FOR THIS

YR. NOTES UNICEF PLANNING TO USE FAMILY-PLANNING CENTERS TO INTRODUCE PROG OF EARLY DETECTION OF MALNUTRITION/ REMEDIAL FEEDING FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 5.

11. MONDALE TRIP

IN WSTAR OPED (5/12), ROCHE CALLS DOS "DISASTER AREA" BECAUSE THERE IS NO CY VANCE THERE, NO CONVICTIONS AT TOP ON POLICY. NOTES THAT WHEN MONDALE PLANNING ASIA TRIP, TOP PEOPLE WERE UNAVAILABLE/DECISION AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD VISIT PHILS WAS LEFT TO "SECOND ECHELON" W/ ASST SECY DERIAN CALLING FOR FULL EXCOMMUNICATION MARCOS UNCLASSIFIED

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REGIME AS THOROUGHLY UNDEMOCRATIC. CALLS THIS POSITION "ODD CALIBRATION," SINCE GOI AT LEAST AS UNDEMOCRATIC AS PHILS. DEFENDS VP'S VISIT TO PHILS, SINCE WE NEED COOP GOP "MORE THAN IT NEEDS US."

ACCORDING NYT'S SMITH (5/14), MONDALE MORE THAN ANY RECENT VP HAS ACHIEVED MEANINGFUL ROLE IN MAKING FON POL. QUOTES INDO MIN WHO TOOK US OFFICIAL ASIDE FOLLOWING MONDALE TALKS: "THESE SESSIONS HAVE BEEN REALLY USEFUL FOR US. NOW WE HAVE SOMEONE AT THE FRIDAY BREAKFASTS WHO UNDERSTANDS INDONESIA'S PROBLEMS." SMITH SAYS VP WAS EMPOWERED ON RECENT TRIP TO DISCUSS BROAD POLICY ISSUES IN PRES' NAME. NOTES HE LAID OUT ADMIN'S SEASIA POLICY IN HONOLULU ADDRESS--AN ACTIVE DIPLOMACY BASED ON NEW POST-VN AGENDA OF ECON COOP/POL STABILIZATION/ENHANCED RESPECT FOR HUMAN RTS.

SMITH QUOTES MONDALE THAT TRIPS ABROAD SERVE AS A CATALYST TO GALVANIZE BUREAUCRACY, THAT FOR 2 MONTHS BEFORE DEPARTURE ADMIN ISOLATES MAJOR PROBLEMS US HAS W/EACH COUNTRY ON ITINERARY/TRIES GET DECISIONS ON THEM, SOMETIMES AFTER "HANGING AROUND FOR A YEAR OR MORE NEEDLESSLY STRAINING" OUR RELS. ---

SMITH CITES AS EXAMPLES INDO'S REQUEST FOR SQUADRON ATTACK BOMBERS, WHICH WAS BEING HELD UP ON HUMAN RTS GROUNDS. SAYS MONDALE WENT TO GOI W/AUTHORITY SOUND INDOS OUT ON BOTH ISSUES; THEN DECIDED THEY WERE IN EARNEST ABOUT BOMBERS/WILLING ACCELERATE RELEASE POL PRISONERS. MONDALE DID SAME KIND OF THING IN THAILAND. NOTES THAT EXCEPT FOR OVERSEAS TRIPS, MONDALE TRIES AVOID OPERATIONAL FON POL ROLE. SAYS INHERENT WEAKNESS IN THIS ROLE IS THAT VP RARELY GIVEN OPPORTUNITY FOLLOW THRU ON GIVEN ISSUE.

12. CAMBODIA

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WP DEVOTES ENTIRE LTRS-TO-ED PG TO LTRS CONDEMNING GENOCIDE IN CAMBODIA. SOME REFER TO EARLIER LTR BY JOHN RICHARDSON/JACK ANDERSON COLUMNS.

NYT'S KAMM (BANGKOK 5/13) NOTES CAMBODIAN REFUGEES MOST SIGNIFICANT SOURCE INFO ABOUT COMMUNIST RULE IN CAMBODIA, NATION SUFFERING CONTINUING BLOODLETTING--EVEN AMONG FACTIONS RULING PARTY--STARVATION, NATIONWIDE FORCED LABOR, REGIMENTATION. SAYS YUGOSLAV JOURNALISTS, WHOSE FILMS SOON TO BE SEEN IN WEST, BORE OUT WHAT REFUGEES HAVE SAID, THO THEY DIDN'T ASK ABOUT POL PURGES, OVERWORK, UNDERNUTRITION, TOTAL ABSENCE MEDICAL CARE/MEDICINE, GREAT DIFFERENCE IN LIVING CONDITIONS OF MAJORITY/GOVT OFFICIALS/SOLDIERS.

KAMM SAYS BEARING/COMPORTMENT REFUGEES RECALL CONCENTRATION CAMP SURVIVORS OF '45. OF 5,000 REFUGEES CONFINED IN THAI CAMPS, SAYS FEWER THAN 10 SPEAK FRENCH--EVIDENCE THAT LENDS CREDENCE TO REPORTS COMMUNIST REGIME METHODICALLY KILLING EDUCATED CLASSES. CITES REPORTS THAT MARRIAGES STILL ARRANGED BY AUTHORITIES/PERFORMED ONLY ONCE EACH YR, THAT SOLDIERS CHOOSE WHOM THEY WANT, WHETHER OR NOT WOMAN AGREES. SAYS WIVES/CHILDREN BEING KILLED LONG AFTER THEIR HUSBANDS/FATHERS (ACCOMPANIED BY AP PHOTO TAKEN BY YUGOSLAV JOURNALISTS OF CHILDREN WORKING IN RICE FIELDS).

13. CHINA

REUTER'S PEKING CORRESPONDENT CITES PRC'S 5/13 STATEMENT THAT IT WAS NOT SATISFIED W/MOSCOW'S EXPLANATION OF HOW SOVIET TROOPS CROSSED BORDER LAST TUES. OBSERVES "BRIEF, MILDLY WORDED STATEMENT POLITELY SAID" SOVIETS NOT TELLING TRUTH; STATEMENT CONTAINED NO DEMANDS, UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEARED PUT PEKING'S RESPONSE ON RECORD BEFORE MATTER ALLOWED DROP (SUN, NYT 5/14).

WP'S KLOSE (MOSCOW 5/13) OBSERVES SOVIETS, IN ADMITTING ITS BORDER GUARDS CROSSED INTO CHINESE TERRITORY 5/9, SOUGHT DOWNPLAY INCIDENT, IMPLYING THAT CONTRARY TO PEKING'S VERSION, NO CHINESE WERE INJURED. FEELS FACT THAT SINO-SOVIET DIPLOS RESUMED BORDER TALKS IN PEKING FRI, SUGGESTS BOTH SIDES MAY BE INTERESTED IN CONTINUED EFFORT EASE BORDER TENSIONS. NOTES "TASS" STATEMENT GAVE MUCH DIFFERENT/MILDER VERSION OF INCIDENT THAN DID CHINESE, CARRIED NONE OF SEEMING PRECISION OF PEKING'S VERSION. SEES LATEST SOVIET INCURSION/SUBSEQUENT EXPRESSED REGRET

FITTING "CONFUSED, SWEET AND SOUR PATTERN" OF SINO-SOVIET

RELS IN LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. CONCLUDES THAT WHILE IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK VERACITY OF EITHER CAPITAL'S ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT BEYOND OBVIOUS FACTS OF PEKING'S ASSERTION IT HAPPENED AND KREMLIN'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/APOLOGY, IT IS WORTH RECOUNTING THAT JUST FEW WKS AGO, IN TELLING OF SK AIRLINER DOWNED ON SOVIET SOIL, 2 "TASS" ACCOUNTS NEVER MENTIONED THAT SOVIET JET FIGHTERS HAD SHOT PLANE DOWN OR THAT 2 PASSENGERS DIED/OTHERS INJURED.

CSM'S WILLIS (MOSCOW) NOTES THAT IN RARE GESTURE FOR KREMLIN, SOVIETS APPEAR TO HAVE APOLOGIZED TWICE FOR 5/9 CHINA BORDER INCIDENT: SOVIET SOURCES SAY INITIAL APOLOGY WAS GIVEN RIGHT ON SPOT, SECOND WAS IN WRITTEN NOTE HANDED OVER BY SOVIET EMBASSY IN PEKING. SEES IMPLICIT IN BOTH OFFICIAL/PRIVATE MOSCOW VERSIONS RECOGNITION OF SOVIET FAULT/EMBARRASSMENT THAT INCIDENT COULD HAVE HAPPENED W/PRESUMABLY WELL-TRAINED GUARDS.

WILLIS LISTS REMAINING QUESTION THAT "MAY NEVER BE RESOLVED": IF INTRUDER WHOM SOVIETS CLAIM THEY WERE CHASING BACK ACROSS BORDER WAS CHINESE, HOW DID HE SLIP PAST BORDER UNCLASSIFIED

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GUARDS IN FIRST PLACE/HOW LONG WAS HE ON SOVIET SIDE/WHAT WAS HE SEEKING/DID HE FIND IT/HOW FAR DID SOVIET FORCES PENETRATE INTO CHINA/DID SOVIET GUARDS DRAG BACK CHINESE PEOPLE TO RUSSIAN BANK/HOW COULD CRACK BORDER GUARDS MISTAKE CHINESE BANK FOR ISLAND, EVEN AT NIGHT, IN FOG? CONCLUDES THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS, NEW ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON VOLATILITY OF USSURI BORDER--AND NEED FOR HEIGHTENED VIGILANCE (PERHAPS BETTER PROCEDURES) TO PREVENT LOCAL EVENTS FROM CAUSING INTL REPERCUSSIONS.

NYT'S SHIPLER (MOSCOW 5/14) NOTES SOVIET HANDLING OF BORDER INCIDENT, ESPECIALLY THEIR AVOIDANCE OF POLEMICS IN REPLY TO ANGRY CHINESE PROTEST, SEEMS INDICATE THEY WERE ANXIOUS PREVENT WIDER CONFLICTS SIMILAR TO THOSE ALONG FRONTIER IN '69.

WP EDIT (5/14) SAYS TROUBLE ON SINO-SOVIET BORDER MERELY UNDERSCORES US NEED TO PURSUE WHAT WAS NIXON-KISSINGER-FORD POLICY, AND IS ESSENTIALLY CARTER ADMIN POLICY: PURSUE DEEPER RELS ON BOTH SIDES, STRENGTHEN MOSCOW CONNECTION AND PEKING CONNECTION.

WSTAR EDIT (5/14) SEES 5/9 SINO-SOVIET BORDER INCIDENT AS "SMALL-TIME, UNPREMEDITATED" EVENT; BUT NOTES THAT INTEREST/SPECULATION IT AROUSED IN WEST SHOW HOW INVERSELY SENSITIVE EAST-WEST CLIMATE IS TO SUCH EVENTS. DOUBTS SINO-SOVIET BORDER WILL BE DEFUSED SOON AS SOURCE OF

POTENTIAL EXPLOSIONS, AND SAYS WEST MUST HOPE ANY FUTURE

BORDER CONFLICT IS KEPT WELL W/IN MANAGEABLE BOUNDS, FAR FROM POSSIBILITY OF ALL-COMMUNIST NUKE EXCHANGE.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK 5/14) NOTES "PARADOX IN WHICH PEKING UNCLASSIFIED

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FINDS ITSELF" AS IT BEGINS REDISCOVER LARGE/INFLUENTIAL OVERSEAS CHINESE COMMUNITY AFTER DECADE OF NEGLECT. SAYS FROM PEKING'S VANTAGE POINT, THEY ARE POTENTIAL SOURCE OF EXPERTISE/INVESTMENT IN PRC'S DRIVE TO BECOME MODERN INDUSTRIAL POWER. OBSERVES PEKING, WHILE ASSERTING IT IS PROTECTOR OF CHINESE "SOJOURNERS" ABROAD, HAS SOMETIMES IGNORED THEIR PLIGHT WHEN FOM POLICY DICTATES--CAMBODIA BEING EXAMPLE, WHERE CHINA HAS SAID NOTHING ABOUT FATE OF 500,000 CHINESE WHO WERE BRUTALLY DRIVEN FROM CITY HOMES INTO COUNTRYSIDE, LIKE OTHER CAMBODIANS AT END OF INDOCHINA WAR.

CITING CEAUSESCU'S PEKING TRIP, CSM'S BOURNE (VIENNA) NOTES HIS ENDEAVORS AS GO-BETWN MOSCOW/PEKING HAVE BEEN QUITE FRUITLESS; AND GIVEN RECENT USSURI BICKERING, THERE WOULD SEEM LITTLE POINT TO HIS TRYING AGAIN JUST NOW.

BUTTERFIELD (HK 5/14) NOTES PRC, IN SHARPEST DEPARTURE YET FROM MAO'S EGALITARIAN POLICIES, HAS BEGUN INSTITUTE NEW PROGRAM OF DIVIDING SCHOOL CHILDREN INTO CLASSES OF FAST/NORMAL/SLOW LEARNERS. FINDS "TRACKING" PROGRAM HAS EVIDENTLY AROUSED CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY IN COUNTRY, AS IT HAS IN US--AND ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BOTH FOR/AGAINST POLICY APPEAR MUCH SAME AS THOSE IN US.

IN PEKING, DON KIRK (SUN 5/14) FINDS CHINESE TV "LOOSENING UP"; SAYS TEAM OF COMEDIANS EXCHANGES JOKES/MODERATORS QUIZ EXPERTS, REFLECTING LIBERTARIAN ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING HUA REGIME. FINDS CHINESE SEEM LESS FEARFUL IN PUBLIC, PARTLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO STROLL FOR PLEASURE THAN JUST COUPLE YRS AGO. BUT SAYS QUESTION IS HOW LONG HUA WILL LET "HUNDRED FLOWERS BLOOM" BEFORE HE, LIKE MAO, DECIDES VOICES ARE THREATENING HIS OWN PRESTIGE/ POWER BASE.

14. JAPAN
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NYT'S FARNSWORTH (5/14) DOES FEATURE ON ZENITH'S TRADE WAR W/JAPANESE TV PRODUCERS--WHICH WILL NOW BE SETTLED IN SUPREME COURT. FINDS DECISION WILL BE FULL OF IMPLICATIONS FOR WORLD TRADE, AND ESPECIALLY US-JAPAN TRADE. REVIEWS

BOTH SIDES OF CONTROVERSY/SAYS WHILE JUSTICES HAVE SHOWN
AWARENESS OF WIDER ISSUES INVOLVED IN CASE, THERE IS NO
WAY ANTICIPATE WHICH WAY DECISION WILL GO. SUGGESTS MOST

SIGNIFICANT DECISION WILL BE PRECEDENT WHICH WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY BE SET NO MATTER WHICH WAY IT GOES. NOTES
IF ZENITH WINS PROTECTION AGAINST FON-MADE PRODUCTS, OTHER
US MFRS CAN BE EXPECTED FOLLOW SUIT.

15. GENERAL

"COMMENTARY" MAG'S PODHORETZ QUESTIONS PRES CARTER'S
USE OF TERM, "INORDINANT FEAR OF COMMUNISM" IN VIEW
"GENOCIDAL COMMUNIST HELL" CALLED CAMBODIA/CHINESE
"BARBARIZATION" OF ONE OF HIGHEST CIVILIZATIONS ON EARTH.
NOTES, HOWEVER, PRES SEEMS CORRECT IN HIS ASSESSMENT
CURRENT STATE OF US FEELING. SAYS IN AFTERMATH VN WE HAVE
SUCCUMBED TO FEAR OF COMMUNISM, CONVINCED PERHAPS THERE
IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO CHECK SPREAD OF THIS MALIGNANCY
OVER WIDER PROTION OF GLOBE (NYT 5/14). VANCE

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